

## News Release

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### **GCWW Water Met or Exceeded All State and Federal Health Standards in 2011** Water Quality Report Released during Drinking Water Week

Cincinnati, OH – Greater Cincinnati Water Works' (GCWW) 2011 Water Quality Report shows its water met or exceeded every health standard developed by both the USEPA and Ohio EPA. GCWW is announcing the release of its Water Quality Report during Drinking Water Week, which runs May 6 – 12. The report is now being mailed to Water Works customers.

"A reliable supply of safe, high quality water is critical to the livelihood of the greater Cincinnati community," says Biju George, GCWW's Interim Director. "Though tap water is often taken for granted, it plays a vital role in public health, fire protection, and our local economy."

On average, GCWW treats about 133 million gallons of water a day and conducts about 600 tests daily throughout the water treatment process. The utility draws its source water from the Ohio River and the Great Miami Aquifer near Fairfield.

"Our mission is to provide our customers the highest quality drinking water," adds George. "GCWW uses state-of-the-art water treatment technology and stays abreast of the latest water quality research so we can deliver the best product possible."

GCWW is in the process of constructing an ultraviolet disinfection (UV) treatment facility to further enhance water quality and protect against potential micro-organisms like cryptosporidium. UV disinfection, which does not use chemicals or produce regulated disinfection by-products, will be used following sand filtration and granular activated carbon adsorption during GCWW's water treatment process. When the UV facility is operational in 2013, Greater Cincinnati Water Works will be the largest water utility in North America to use UV following sand filtration and granular activated carbon.

To view a copy of GCWW's 2011 Water Quality Report, visit [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/gcww](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/gcww) or call (513) 591-7700 for printed copies. GCWW's 2011 Water Quality Report was prepared to meet the EPA's National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for Consumer Confidence Reports.

Greater Cincinnati Water Works provides a plentiful supply of high quality water to 1.1 million people in most of Hamilton County and parts of Butler, Warren and Clermont Counties in Ohio and Boone County, Kentucky.

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